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**Board of Officers
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 17, 2023
Start Time: 06:00 PM**

Location: Webinar

When: Jan 17, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Board

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1. Raise your hand (or when accessing by telephone, press *9) if you have a public comment only WHEN we get to that specific item.
2. After you speak, please lower your hand.
3. All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until the administrator unmutes you for comment.
4. Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.
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7. Raise your hand at the start of the items you want to speak on. We will then close public comment and announce the last person to speak a few minutes after the start of the item.
8. No ceding your time to others will be allowed.
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All presenters that have items to project are to send them to Secretary@VeniceNC.org and President@VeniceNC.org to have them shared with the meeting. Keep a copy of them on your desktop as a backup.

2 Call To Order

06:04

3 Roll Call:

James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Jay Handal

Vicki Halliday

Bruno Hernandez

Sima Kostovetsky

Nico Ruderman

James Robb

Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Chie Lunn

Mike Bravo

Soledad Ursua

CJ Cole

Elizabeth Clay

Robert Thibodeau

Clark Brown

Michael Jensen

Zachary Best

Patrick McKinley

Attendance: 19

Quorum: 11

4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

5 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

06:16

6 Welcome Councilwoman Traci Park

Our newly elected Councilwoman Traci Park will be taking addressing our community for about 20 minutes and plans speak about how she and her staff are working to help improve the quality-of-life in our neighborhoods.

Questions and answers will need to be addressed offline.

7 Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report

06:17

Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to Secretary@VeniceNC.org no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shell present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

LAFD

Dean Zipperman, Assistant Chief - dean.zipperman@lacity.org

LAPD:

Five Points of Contacts

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3e1fdc228.pdf>

Senior Lead Officer Map

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/photos/5/page636a3d534f723.pdf>

8 Government Reports

06:40

- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor, Staff: Brandon.Stansell@asm.ca.gov
- LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, Deputy TBD
- Mayor Karen Bass, Deputy, TBD
- Councilwoman Traci Park, Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org

- Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org 213-978-1551
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-Jim Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Yolanda Gonzalez
- Budget Advocates – vacant
- City Clerk Office, Naima.Pulliam@lacity.org, VNC Elections 2023 Administrator

9 Committee Chair Reports

06:44

Standing Committees:

- Budget & Finance
- Land Use & Planning
- Neighborhood
- Ocean Front Walk
- Outreach & Event Planning
- Rules & Selections
- Arts

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Community Resiliency Committee
- Homelessness Committee
- Parking and Transportation Committee
- Venice Arbor Committee
- Discussion Forum Committee
- Preserving Public Places

Election Report: Michael Lynn

President Report:

Seeking Community Officer to Chair for Rules and Selections

10 Approval of prior Board Minutes

Description:

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meeting dated 12-20-2022

Attachments: Minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63a27e63b9fe7.pdf>

MOTION:

Board of Officers approves the Minutes as presented.

Maker: Michael Jensen

Second: Vicki Halliday

Y James Murez

A Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Y Jay Handal

Y Vicki Halliday

Bruno Hernandez

Y Sima Kostovetsky

Y Nico Ruderman

Y James Robb

Y Jason Sugars

Y Alley Bean

Y Chie Lunn

Y Mike Bravo

Y Soledad Ursua

Y CJ Cole

Y Elizabeth Clay

Y Robert Thibodeau

Y Clark Brown

Y Michael Jensen

Zachary Best

A Patrick McKinley

Voter Tally (18): Yea:16 / Nay:0 / Abstain:2 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

11 Treasurer Report

Budget Amount

\$42,000.00

Budget: \$32,000.00

Adjustments: \$10,000.00

Expense-to-Date

\$8,496.59

Funding Requests: \$0.00

Credit Card: \$8,496.59

Total Outstanding

\$0.00

Commitments: \$0.00

Pending Payments: \$0.00

Net Available

\$33,503.41

Cash Balance: \$33,503.41

The November and December MERS have not yet been cleared to generate as the Clerks office is still reviewing all transactions.

The running budget information is posted on the VNC budget page for review.

The clerks office and DONE have retroactively approved last fiscal years camera purchase. Currently, we are asking our new councilperson to make a motion to give us the funds back to finalize the purchase.

12 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

NOTE: The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration..

13 General Consent Calendar - Items

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14 Secure and Accessible Document Storage for Homeless

Description:**Committee:** Homelessness Committee **On:** 2022-11-29 **Vote:** 7-yea 0-nay

Where as: - Original documents, such as driver's license, certificate of training completion, and etc., are often required by prospective employers, land lords, housing providers, service providers and etc. and - Homeless People are susceptible to loss and highly vulnerable to theft and robbery,

MOTION:

Therefore: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles work with non-profit service providers with facilities easily accessible to the unhoused, to provide secure storage for original documents for unhoused people. The solution to this problem can be as simple as an envelope for each with the person's name kept in a secure area, or as complex as lockers comparable to safe deposit boxes with combination locks provided and monitored by the service provider. Hon. Kevin de Leon, Chair, City Council Homelessness & Poverty Committee Hon. Nithya Rama, Vice-Chair Councilman, Mike Bonin City Controller, Ron Galperin

Maker: Vicki Halliday**Second:** Jay Handal

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| Y James Murez | Y Daffodil Tyminski | Melissa Diner |
| Y Jay Handal | Y Vicki Halliday | Y Bruno Hernandez |
| Y Sima Kostovetsky | Y Nico Ruderman | Y James Robb |
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| Y Elizabeth Clay | Y Robert Thibodeau | Y Clark Brown |
| Michael Jensen | Zachary Best | I Patrick McKinley |

Voter Tally (18): Yea:17 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:1**15 Old Business****16 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items**

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17 2818 S. Clune**Description:****Committee:** Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-12-01 **Vote:** Yea 6-0-0-0

DIR-2022-1281-CDP-MEL A DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING SFD & GARAGE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 2-STORY SFD WITH A DETACHED 2-STORY GARAGE WITH AN ADU ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

Attachments: plans:<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjU1MzU10>**MOTION:**

Motion to approve on VNC de minimus consent calendar.

Maker:
Second:
Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

18 919 E. Milwood

Description: **Committee:** Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-12-01 **Vote:** Yea 6-0-0-0

ZA-2022-4165-CDP-ZAA COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT/REAR YARD
ADJUSTMENT FOR ADDITION TO EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY HOME

Attachments: plans:<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjU4MzE00>

MOTION:
Motion to approve project as presented.

Maker:
Second:
Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

19 2324 Pacific Ave.

Description: **Committee:** Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-12-01 **Vote:** Consent

ADM-2022-8508-VSO-ADU; DIR-2022-8507-CDP-MEL-HCA THE
CONVERSION OF A 1,935 SQUARE-FOOT GARAGE INTO THREE
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS:

Attachments: Plans:<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYyODMz0>

MOTION:
Approve on consent as de minimus

Maker:
Second:
Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

20 1935 Walgrove

Description: **Committee:** Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2023-01-12 **Vote:** 6/0/0

CONDITIONAL USE TO PERMIT THE CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING
CHURCH INTO A CHILD CARE FACILITY SERVING 68 CHILDREN IN THE
R1V2 ZONE.

MOTION:
Approve project as presented

16-20 approved on consent.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

21 LUPC New Business

22 New Business

23 Abbot Kinney Traffic Slowing

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2022-12-14 **Vote:** 5, 0, 0

Traffic slowing on Abbot Kinney between Venice and Washington.

Whereas, for months, members of the community living adjacent to Abbot Kinney Blvd, between Venice and Washington Blvd, have urgently reached out to the PTC requesting traffic calming measures, improved bike infrastructure, and a safer crosswalk and a sidewalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd.

MOTION:

The Board of Officers recommends that LADOT makes the following improvement:

- I. Raising the crosswalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd.
- II. The filling in of extraneously wide / slip lanes and addition of painted continental crosswalks at the following intersections of Abbot Kinney Blvd, in the following order of priority: Washington Way, Woodlawn Ave., Angelus Pl. and Crestmoore Pl.
- III. The request for a boundary survey on the east side of the Marr St (just south of Abbot Kinney) to study the possible addition of a sidewalk.
- IV. The removal of the center turn lane on Abbot Kinney Blvd between 1708 Abbot Kinney Blvd and Garfield Ave, and the addition of a striped, painted, and buffered unprotected bike lane.

Maker: Robert Thibodeau

Second: Vicki Halliday

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

Alternate Motion #1

X

The Board of Officers requests that LADOT conduct a feasibility study and report back to the VNC on the following improvements:

- I. Raising the crosswalk at the intersection of Marr St and Abbot Kinney Blvd.
- II. The filling in of extraneously wide / slip lanes and addition of painted continental crosswalks at the following intersections of Abbot Kinney Blvd, in the following order of priority: Washington Way, Woodlawn Ave., Angelus Pl. and Crestmoore Pl.
- III. The request for a boundary survey on the east side of the Marr St (just south of Abbot Kinney) to study the possible addition of a sidewalk.
- IV. Create a bike lane on Abbot Kinney Blvd between 1708 Abbot Kinney Blvd and Garfield Ave.

Maker: Robert Thibodeau

Second: James Robb

Y James Murez

Y Daffodil Tyminski

Melissa Diner

Y Jay Handal

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Voter Tally (18): Yea:16 / Nay:0 / Abstain:1 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:1

24 Flower Ave Sidewalk Access

Description:

Committee: Parking and Transportation Committee **On:** 2022-12-05 **Vote:** 5, 0, 0

An encampment has formed on the 700 block on Flower Ave over the last several years, and occasionally grown onto the adjacent portion of Lincoln Blvd. This has made sidewalk access impossible. Discussion on ideas/next steps that the city or VNC can take to help the situation for all involved.

MOTION:

The Board of Officers requests the LAPD, LADOT, Street Services and the Council Office work together to ensure the immediate and on going clearance the sidewalks between 760 and 704 Flower Ave (near Lincoln Blvd) for the purposes of ADA compliance and general sidewalk pedestrian access.

Maker:

Second:

Voter Tally (0): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

25 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda

26 Adjournment

Concluded At: 09:28 PM

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